

# California High-Speed Train Project



Los Angeles to San Diego via the Inland Empire Section  
*Taking you from San Diego to San Francisco in less than 4 hours  
and from Los Angeles to San Diego in under 80 minutes*



## Introduction

California's High-Speed Train is a proposed fast, safe and reliable system from Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego in the south to the San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento in the north.

## Where Will It Go Between Los Angeles and San Diego?

It will go from Los Angeles Union Station to San Diego through the San Gabriel Valley and Inland Empire in less than 80 minutes and will generally travel in or immediately adjacent to existing railroad and highway rights-of-way. Generally, the alignments travel east from Los Angeles Union Station to Ontario Airport, San Bernardino and Riverside, then south along the I-215 or I-15 corridors to San Diego. Several station locations are being explored, including El Monte, West Covina, Pomona, Ontario, San Bernardino, Riverside, Corona, Murrieta, Escondido, and San Diego Lindbergh Airfield. Travel times from Los Angeles to Ontario Airport and Riverside will be about 25 and 35 minutes, respectively. Travel time between Riverside and San Diego will be less than 50 minutes.

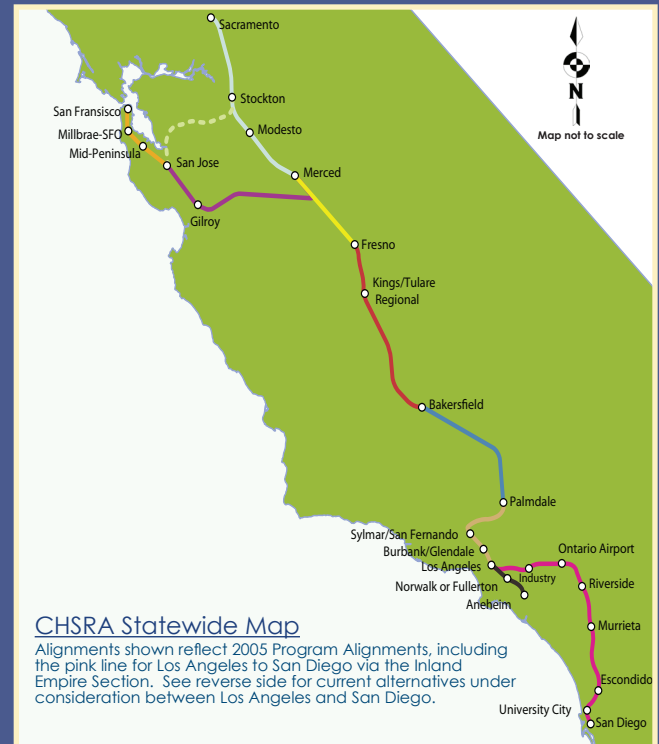
## Where's the Funding?

In November 2008, California voters approved Proposition 1A, a \$9.95 billion bond measure. It provides \$9 billion for building the high-speed train system and \$950 million for improving transit services that connect to the high-speed train.

## The Southern California Inland Corridor Group



Active since 2008, the Southern California Inland Corridor Group (So Cal ICG) has assisted the Authority with local review and development of the LA-SD Section. The So Cal ICG is a formal partnership between the Authority, the lead transportation agencies and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations of this region. It includes: Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA) and Caltrans.



## Everyone Benefits

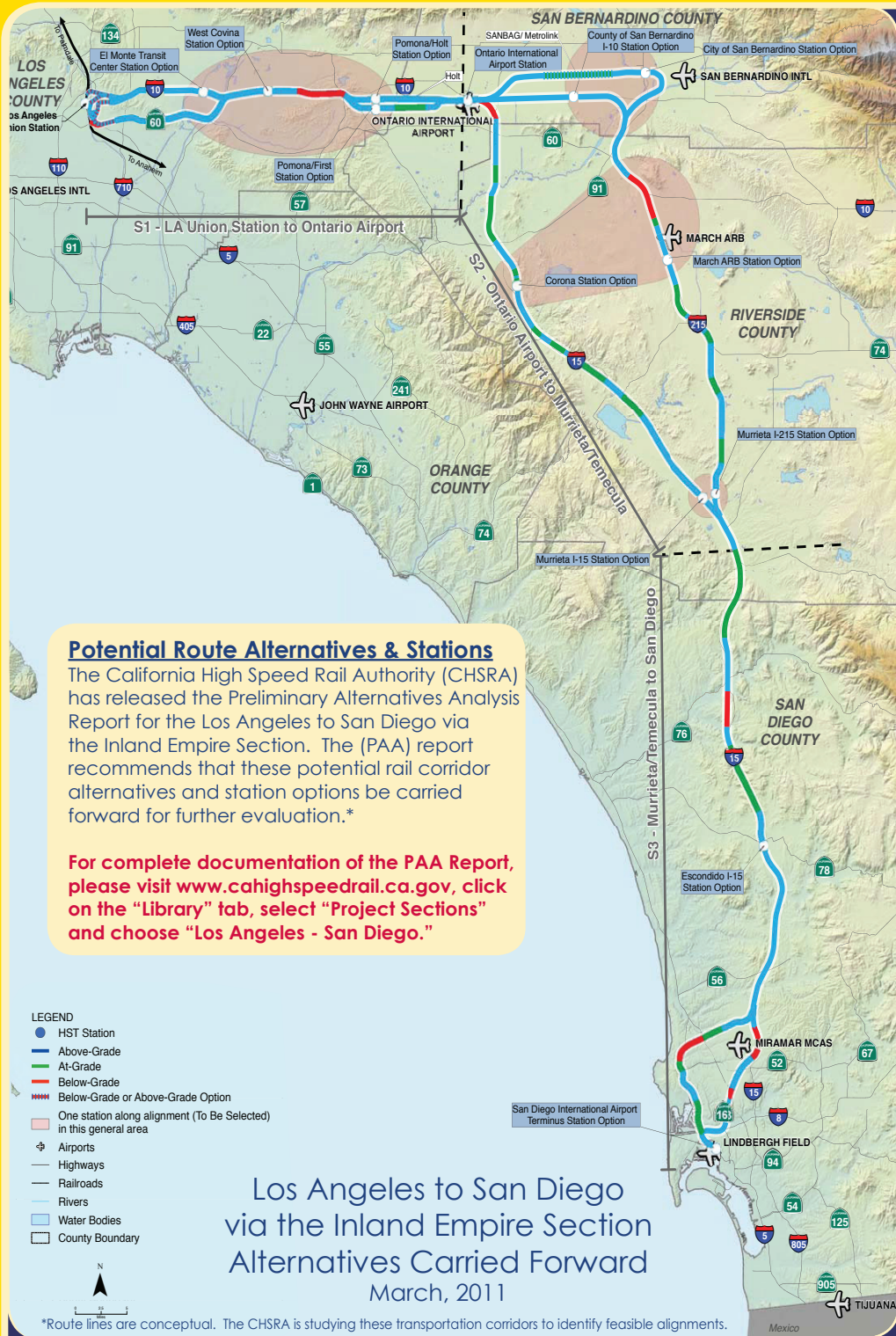
The benefits of high-speed rail are significant and widespread. Highlights include:

- **Protect the Environment** – Early estimates show that high-speed trains will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 12 billion pounds per year, equivalent to removing 1.4 million cars off the road annually.
- **Enhance the Economy** – The high-speed train will create nearly 600,000 construction-related jobs during the construction years and is expected to generate up to 450,000 permanent jobs statewide once completed.
- **Better Connections** – Provides a safer, time and cost-efficient alternative to automobiles and will help relieve overcrowding at major airports.
- **Improve City Streets** – Locally, many existing at-grade railroad street crossings will be separated from vehicle traffic.
- **Reduce Traffic** – The statewide system has the potential to remove nearly 70 million auto trips per year.



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## What Are the LA-SD Alternatives?

In 2005, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) adopted a Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Program EIR/EIS), which identified a single alignment between Los Angeles and San Diego. Since then, the alignment has been expanded to include additional local alternatives and design options in the four counties as a result of consultation with county Technical Working Groups (TWGs) and the Public Scoping Process in fall 2009, respectively.

Since 2009, CHSRA has studied multiple routes and stations, with the goal of narrowing down the alternatives for more in-depth study through the environmental review process. In the Preliminary Alternatives Analysis (PAA) Report presented to the Authority on March 3, 2011 routes totaling 801 miles were reduced to 288 miles, and potential station locations were reduced from 24 to 13.

## Where Are We Now for LA-SD?

This spring, the Authority will host community open houses throughout the alignment area to share the results of the PAA. The PAA is the first step in a two-step process to identify alternatives to be carried forward for detailed engineering and the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). The next step will be the Supplemental Alternatives Analysis, which will be completed in 2011-2012. The current plans will be presented and your input obtained before the Authority initiates the detailed environmental/engineering analysis later in 2012 (subject to funding availability). Agency and public input will be used in refining of alignment alternatives, station locations and design options.

## GET INVOLVED

The project team is available to answer your questions and receive your comments.

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